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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-12

Treatment device for applying electrical impulses, comprising a detector for detecting changes in the skin impedance, means for monitoring the responsivity of the skin, and indicator means for indicating when a predetermined level of responsivity is reached and when a pre-determined treatment has been administered

2. claims: 13-18

Treatment apparatus for applying electrical impulses, comprising means for detecting the responsivity of different zones of a predetermined area of the body, means for storing the output data, and means for selecting a treatment zone from amongst the different zones

3. claims: 19-21

Treatment system, comprising a treatment device for applying electrical impulses, a PC for storing patient records, a cradle for the treatment device, and means for receiving a smart card

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